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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit An English translation of the Japanese Office Action submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 5, 2002, which serves as a concise explanation of the relevance of information listed that is not in the English language as follows:

An Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner was filed on September 5, 2002 enclosing 4 Japanese references with English language abstracts and an Office Action from a corresponding Japanese application in the Japanese language. The translation of the Japanese Office Action is submitted herewith to assist the Examiner in his determination of the references.

If the Examiner has any questions he/she is requested to contact the undersigned.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Translation of the Japanese Language Office Action

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